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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 2)

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: PRES MOLINA DECLINES PRES. ODUBER'S INVITATION.

1. PRIOR TO ATTENDING CONFERENCE THIS EVENING AT WHICH F.M. FACIO OF COSTA RICA WAS SPEAKER I LEARNED THAT PRES. MOLINA HAD DECLINED PRES. ODUBER'S INVITATION TO ATTEND MEETING IN COSTA RICA. AT THE CONFERENCE I ASKED F. M. BORGONOVO IF PRESIDENT MOLINA WOULD ATTEND THE COSTA RICA MEETING, HE REPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD NOT ATTEND AND THAT A PRESS RELEASE WOULD BE ISSUED.

2. AFTER COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO'S CALL ON THE PRES THIS EVENING (FEB 12), PRES MOLINA AUTHORIZED HIS PRESS OFFICER TO ISSUE FOLLOWING NEWS BULLETIN QUOTE  
PRES. MOLINA REITERATED WHAT HE HAD ALREADY TOLD THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS YESTERDAY: THAT, EVEN IF HE HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED THE INVITATION NOW KINDLY BEING EXTENDED BY FONMIN FACIO ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA,  
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HE WOULD HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ACCEPT IT BECAUSE MATTERS

OF A HIGH NATIONAL INTEREST REQUIRED HIS PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY. THIS WAS ALSO THE REASON THAT HE HAD REQUESTED THE PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA TO POSTPONE THE MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS UNTIL THE END OF MARCH.

PRESIDENT MOLINA SUGGESTED THAT HE BE REPRESENTED BY FONMIN BORGONOVO. FONMIN FACIO WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION. END QUOTE  
3. IN THE QUESTION PERIOD FOLLOWING RELEASE OF THE BULLETIN, THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICER STATED THAT THE SALVADORAN AND GUATEMALAN PRESIDENTS HAD DECLINED ODUBER'S INVITATION, THE FORMER FOR THE STATED REASON AND THE LATTER BECAUSE OF THE EARTH-QUAKE. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE WHO HAD BEEN INVITED BY ODUBER HAD ACCEPTED "IN PRINCIPLE" IN ORDER TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESENCE.  
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